

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0005] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0005] To achieve this object, a method according to the present invention comprises:

(1) dividing a user management for multicasting groups into three layers: management at an interface layer for controlling multicasting characteristics corresponding to interfaces, management at a data link layer for controlling multicasting characteristics corresponding to data links and management at user layer for controlling multicasting characteristics corresponding to particular users, and at each layer setting control blocks that are respectively comprised of multicasting characteristic data corresponding to said each layer;

(2) establishing a data relationship among the three layers of control blocks; and

(3) managing a user's users-joining or leaving a the multicasting groups through using the data relationship among the three layers of control blocks.